

- (c) will the Government state the reasons for the delay in starting its working and whether they will immediately order the set to be installed?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) The installation is almost complete.
 (b) No.
 (c) Does not arise in view of the answers to (a) and (b).

AERATED WATERS—SALE IN PUBLIC PLACES

81. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether they are aware of the undesirable condition of the aerated waters sold in the railway stations, bus-stands, public roads, cinema and drama theatres in the State other than those sold by Spencers;
 (b) whether it is not desirable to insist that only tender cocoanuts be sold in such places unless Spencers' aerated waters are not available?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (a) No.

(b) Government do not think so.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will this not encourage cocoanut cultivators?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Government cannot force people as to what they should eat and drink.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): The Congress Government has been exercising such powers in the matter of prohibition.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Anyhow, we do not propose to dictate to the people as to what they should eat or drink.

THROUGH CARRIAGES FROM ERNAKULAM TO COIMBATORE— INTRODUCTION OF

82. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether they have felt the desirability of having through carriages from Ernakulam to Coimbatore attached to the up and down trains of the Cochin Express;
 (b) whether they have approached the Railway Authorities to stop the Cochin Express at Vadakkancheri;

- (c) whether they have realised the necessity of delaying the Cochin Express and Mail trains at Trichur for 3 or 5 minutes more than is now stopped ;
- (d) if the answer to (a), (b) and (c) are in the negative, will they be pleased to inquire into the matter, and if they are satisfied, to approach the Railway Authorities to effect the necessary changes suggested above ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): (a) No.

(b) Yes, but the Railway Authorities did not agree.

(c) No.

(d) Government do not consider it necessary to take any action in the matter.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Till last March there was no connection train from or to Coimbatore to catch Cochin Express with the result the passengers have to wait for a long time in either the Podanur or Coimbatore railway stations. It is enough if a carriage is attached or if a connection is given from Podanur to Coimbatore. Then with regard to the halting time at Trichur. The Cochin Express only waits there for about 8 minutes. It is enough the other trains also wait for 8 minutes. At present, excepting the last train to Shoranur, no other train waits for more than 4 minutes. This may be brought to the notice of the authorities, as it causes inconvenience to the passengers.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know from the hon'ble member as to how many times he has been put to difficulty ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): As far as my inconvenience is concerned, that does not matter. There are 500 or 600 people in Coimbatore belonging to my place who are almost quasi-permanent residents of Coimbatore Town. As far as Trichur train-halting is concerned, passengers travelling in trains do not find time to drink even a cup of coffee.

APPOINTMENTS—ANGLO-INDIAN GRADUATES

83. **Mr. C. J. Luiz** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) how many Anglo-Indian graduates have applied to the Staff Selection Board for appointments in the State ;
- (b) among them how many have been recruited into the service ;